GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Allegation of misconduct and corruption against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala and present District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry & 6 others – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Regular Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1268 Dated:07-12-2015.
Read the following:

1. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Procs.No.E1/32/2009-1 to 7, dated: 04-03-2009.
2. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Procs.No.E1/32/2009, dated:05-05-2009.
3. District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Machilipatnam Lr.No.G1/301/09, dated:30-10-2009.
4. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Lr.No.E1/32/2009, dated:12-10-2010.
5. Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, lr.No.X2/12233/2008, dated:29-11-2010.
6. Government Memo.No.55429/Vig.VI(1)/2010-1, datedt:10-01-2012.
7. Interim orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in OA.No.815/2012, dated:03-02-2012 filed by Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala.
8. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Lr.No.E1/32/2009, dt:7-2-2015.
9. Government Memo.No.55429/Vig.II(1)/2010-6, dated:11-03-2015.
10. Orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in OA.No.815/2012 dated:23-06-2015 filed by Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala.
11. Representation of Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar Gunadala and present District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry dt:25-8-2015.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of Government that the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada has initiated disciplinary proceedings against 1) Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, 2) Sri B.Siva Ram, former Joint Sub Registrar-1, 3) Y.V.Vasantha Rao, former Junior Assistant, 4) B.Venkateswarlu, former Shroff, 5) Sri P.Poorna Reddy, former Shroff, 6) Smt.N.Lavanya, former Junior Assistant & 7) Sri J.Karunakara Rao, former Junior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala, Vijayawada on the allegation of their involvement in rescanning of certain documents without permission of higher authorities.

2. Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala and all other 6 Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statement of Defences. Having not convinced with the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the Charged Officers, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada has appointed District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Machilipatnam as Inquiring Authority in the reference 2nd read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the report stating that based on the substantiated adduced

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evidences, depositions, records, statements, exhibits and with final defense statements of the Charged Officers, the inference of enquiry with regard to the charges framed against the Charged Officers including Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar and above 6 others have held not proved.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada while agreeing with the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer opined to exonerate all the Charge Officers from the charges framed against them, holding that the charges held not proved and the same was transmitted by the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the reference 5th read above for taking necessary action in the matter.

5. Government have examined the matter and directed the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada to entrust the case to Cyber Crime Department and to keep the disciplinary proceedings in abeyance till the investigation is completed in the reference 6th read above.

6. Aggrieved by the above, the Charged Officer has filed the OA.No.815/2012 before the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in the reference 7th read above against the orders of the Government, in the reference 6th read above and obtained interim orders as follows:

> "Pending disposal of the OA, there shall be an interim suspension of the impugned Government, Memo.No.55429/Vig.VI(1)/2010-1, dated:10-1-2012".

7. Government, have examined the matter and filed Counter Affidavit in the above OA with a plea to vacate the above interim orders in the reference 9th read above.

8. In the reference 10th read above, the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal disposed off the OA directing the respondents to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala and pass appropriate orders on merits as per rules within a period of six months.

9. Whereas, in the reference 11th read above, the Charged Officer Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar and presently District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry while enclosing the copy of orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in OA.No.815/2012, dt:23-6-2015 has requested the Government, to exonerate him from the charges stating that since the Enquiry Officer submitted the report holding the charges held not proved and the Disciplinary Authority also requested the Government, to exonerate him from the charges since they are not proved. He has finally requested the Government, to go through the unknown / unman address less petition which caused much damage to his promotion career and stated that there is no substantial evidences and loss to state exchequer. He has further stated that the enquiry findings are also not pointed out him at any stage and requested the Government to pass appropriate orders based on the enquiry reports and to drop further enquiry and to exonerate him from the charges.

10. Government after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in the reference 10th read above and material available with the Government observed that the regular enquiry held that the Charged Officer is innocent and the cyber crime relates to the other persons i.e., the ones who are responsible. It is also observed that there is no point in withholding the closure of case against the Charged Officer, which may effect his immediate promotional opportunities, therefore, it is decided and hereby order to drop further action against Sri V. Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar

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Office, Gunadala and presently District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry duly entrusting the enquiry to Cyber Crime Agency in order to identify the culprit. Orders will be issued separately in respect of entrusting the case to Cyber Crime Agency.

11. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps Department, Vijayawada/ Eluru shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada / Eluru.
The Individual (through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru with a request to serve the order on the Charged Officer and furnish the served copy along with dated acknowledgement to Government, for record).
The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
SF / SC.

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SECTION OFFICER